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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

### Jeanne Anthony, AARP, Project Advisor, Education & Outreach Department

Jeanne is part of the Livable Communities team, where her work focuses on supporting the efforts of communities to become Great Places for All Ages. She develops strategies and resources which are designed to help communities provide features such as safe, walkable streets, better housing and transportation options, access to key services, and opportunities for older residents to participate in community activities.

Her portfolio includes the Age-Friendly Communities Network program as well the Active Living Workshop program delivered in partnership with the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute. In addition, she manages partnerships with organizations which support various strategies that help create livable communities where consumers can more easily age in place. She has been with AARP for 12 years and has served in various capacities within the organization. Prior to joining AARP, Jeanne worked in the Financial Services industry developing consumer products.

# Greg Tanner, AARP Georgia, State Director

The North Carolina native is a longtime leader on public service issues and building bridges in communities addressing aging issues. Greg Tanner was named AARP Georgia State Director, the top staff position for AARP in Georgia, effective November 2012.

Tanner has more than 10 years' experience with AARP. Prior to being named State Director for AARP Georgia, Tanner served as an Interim State Director with the Pennsylvania State Office. As Associate State Director for Community Outreach for AARP's North Carolina State Office, he led AARP efforts in the fields of consumer protection, utility rate advocacy, and chapter development. Tanner's work in North Carolina included leadership of the state's utility campaign, helping members fight for affordable utility rates, and work on energy efficiency programs for the state's 50+ population.



### Karen R. Cooper, AARP Georgia, Associate State Director, Community Outreach

Karen R. Cooper was named Associate State Director for Community Outreach in the AARP Georgia State Office in May of 2011, after serving as Regional Operations Analyst for the SE Regional Office in Atlanta. She began her career with AARP in the Montana State Office in 2005.

Cooper is a member of the national AARP Livable Communities Talent Bank to assist other state offices in Livable Communities and Age Friendly Communities work. She is honored to be the recipient of the 2014 Community Service Award from *Macon Middle Georgia Black Pages* for having an impact on the Middle Georgia community and its citizens. She is on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Gerontology Society, is a member of the Middle Georgia CareNet, and has recently joined the Central Savannah River Area CareNet.

## Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of Augusta

Deke Copenhaver currently serves as Mayor of Augusta, Georgia having been first elected in 2005 to serve out an unexpired term and being subsequently re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Mr. Copenhaver was born in Montreal, Canada and raised in Columbia County, Georgia. After attending the University of Georgia and earning a B.A. in Political Science from Augusta College, Deke worked for Nations Bank Securities in Atlanta for several years. After relocating to Beaufort, South Carolina in the mid-nineties, he went on to a career in real estate, serving as a principal in the firm of Huffines, Dukes, and Copenhaver LLC. After moving home to Augusta in 1998, Deke worked as a sales representative for Blanchard and Calhoun Real Estate. He accepted the position of Executive Director of the Central Savannah River Land Trust in July of 2001. During his tenure, Mr. Copenhaver directed the expenditure of over \$1.1 million in greenspace purchases throughout Augusta-Richmond County while at the same time developing a program that is widely considered the finest of its kind in the State.

### William Lockett, Commissioner, Augusta

Bill Lockett was elected in 2009 and is currently serving a second term as a certified Commissioner.

Commissioner Lockett is the Chairperson of the Administrative Services Committee and a member of the Public Safety Committee. He is the Commission representative to the Augusta Community Partnership for Children and Families, Inc. and the Augusta Board of Tax Assessors (certified).

He is a graduate of the following schools: Paine College, Bachelor of Science, Business Management (Magna Cum Laude) and Brenau University, Master of Public Administration.

He is retired from the US Army as a Master Sergeant, from the United States Office of Personnel Management as a Lead Investigator and as a Richmond County Business Educator.